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The first of the Harding blunders was his tactless and wholly unsatisfactory interview with the craftsmen who asked that he use his influence to have some recognition of the suffrage in his state's bill of rights and propose ratification of the suffrage amendment, which looks but one state vote for the necessary number of state ratifications. Harding said this could not be done; that he was not taking a stand on suffrage.

Harding having refused to seek action by a republican state, the women went to Woodrow Wilson. The president lost no time in showing them that the democrats were not dealing in platitudes and negation. He had examined the law and had learned that under the recent decision of the United States supreme court it would be possible to present the suffrage issue before the legislature of Tennessee. He communicated with the governor of Tennessee and the whole matter was arranged in short order.

Possibly no clearer or more impressive difference between a competent man in the White House and an incompetent usurper for the office of president could be found than is brought forth in the matter of ratification. There has been no question for a long time that woman suffrage would be adopted in the United States. Any man with the least political wisdom should have known that it was his duty when opportunity arrived to help the women to completion of the ratification program. It is a narrow view of the situation to attempt to delay final adoption of woman suffrage until after the approaching presidential election. It is astounding that Warren Harding should have been so lacking in knowledge of facts and future. It is just as natural that President Wilson should have taken the step to enable entitling the moment the decision of the highest court upon the validity of such action was received. The difference in the men was that Woodrow Wilson was in touch with the law and its application and ready to perform promptly, and that Warren Harding had not stepped forward and kept pace with events.

All that the great mass of the women of this nation have risked is fair play. They may be forced to engage only the services from which it is enabled, and the services from which it is blocked.

Ireland is suffering the travail of its bids fail to bring forth peace and better days. It is galling to pity that the people of that island and their leaders should be doomed to such bitter experience on their way to the settling down to a permanence that must come. Conditions have reached the point where there must be an eventual choice. Ireland can not go on in the progression of violence to violence. Times of peace must come to her as they must come to every other division of people. How the dreadful turmoil shall bring forth peaceful settlement it is not our province or that of any but the Irish and the English to say. We

are spectators in the making of a starting page of history and may only pray earnestly that the inevitable coming of substantial human existence be not too long delayed and involve as little as may be of sacrifice of human lives.

Cotton growers of this country are raising a crop that should give them an enormous amount of ready capital this fall—in fact within a few weeks. These conditions will provide for great business in trading centers and large reservoirs in the banks; also there will be such investment in lands and large applications for profitable farming as never has been known in South Texas. A great boom in 1920 is the prelude of wonderful development of the entire Corpus Christi country in 1921, and for years thereafter. Never has there appeared such basis for growth in seems in our parish.

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There would be a loss to this country if Lloyd George should butt into our affairs as Mr. Harding has done into the particularly private and particular business of England and Ireland.

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allow the use of his name in publishing the bid of the commercial association, unless, by his express written consent, he authorizes publication of the bid of any other person or persons. Mr. Martin, however, is to file at the meeting previous to that at which the bid was submitted. This committee has been informed that the state highway commission, however, is a permanent permanent committee, and the commissioners are available and prepared to file their bid in the event of a re-bidding.

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